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- 1. NOTICIAS OX JUNE 2 CARRIED FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY MTG MINISTRY OF INFORMATION: QUOTE: DURING SOVIET-MOZAMBICAN CONVERSATIONS IN DAR ES SALAAM IN MAY THIS YEAR, BOTH PARTIES EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE AND THE SOVIET UNION AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL ON JUNE 25, 1975, DATE OF MOZAMBIQUE'S INDEPENDENCE. END QUOTE.
- 2. COMMENT: AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THPS IS FIRST COMMUNIQUE ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ISSUED IN THIS FORM BY MTG. PREVIOUS COMMUNIQUES ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAVE BEEN JOINTLY ISSUED AND SIGNED BY IDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVES OF FRELIMO AND OTHER COUNTRY. SINCE MOST RECENT PUBLICIZED VISIT OF SOVIET DELEGATION TO TANZANIA WAS IN MARCH, CONVERSATIONS ON SOVIET-MOZAMBICAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS PROBABLY TOOK PLACE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. WE THEREFORE WONDER WHETHER COMMUNIQUE

ON USSR/MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS COULD BE PRECEDENT FOR US IN ANNOUNCING INTENTION OF US AND MOZAMBIQUE TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ON JUNE 25. ALTERNATIVE, AS WE ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED, IS A JOINT COMMUNIQUE COULD BE ISSUED IN DAR OR HERE. IF DEPT CONCURS, AMBASSADOR CARTER COULD DISCUSS OPTIONS WITH LUKANGA.

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